

## Young Drivers

Young, inexperienced drivers ages 16-24 have a higher rate of crashes, injuries and fatalities and drivers over age 24. In 2006, the crash rate per 100,000 licensed drivers ages 16 and 17 was 184 percent higher than the rate for drivers over age 24.

<b>Motor Vehicle Crashes, Injuries and Fatalities</b>								
Number and Rate per 10,000 Licensed Drivers								
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>All Crashes</b>								
16 - 17	Drivers	27,960	28,180	29,144	27,975	28,182	27,499	26,819
	Rate	2374.9	2377.8	2385.9	2862.6	2733.5	2533.5	2562.0
18 - 20	Drivers	53,292	54,431	56,172	55,327	56,220	56,331	54,701
	Rate	1984.9	1897.9	1900.2	2202.1	2198.6	2095.9	1922.6
21 - 24	Drivers	62,302	64,641	67,441	68,211	70,397	69,667	67,404
	Rate	1,574.4	1,526.6	1,545.3	1,615.5	1,771.9	1,730.9	1,622.1
Over 24	Drivers	427,113	440,707	452,600	459,122	476,548	485,167	480,901
	Rate	895.7	880.5	877.4	920.7	946.1	940.3	902.3
<b>Injury Crashes</b>								
16 - 17	Drivers	4,570	4,498	4,545	4,332	4,389	4,331	4,200
	Rate	388.2	379.5	372.1	443.3	425.7	399.0	401.2
18 - 20	Drivers	8,610	8,690	8,776	8,634	8,902	9,031	8,708
	Rate	320.7	303.0	296.9	343.6	348.1	336.0	306.1
21 - 24	Drivers	9,731	9,720	10,220	10,364	10,941	10,896	10,476
	Rate	245.9	229.6	234.2	245.5	275.4	270.7	252.1
Over 24	Drivers	60,083	61,926	61,860	62,693	65,704	67,088	64,430
	Rate	126.0	123.7	119.9	125.7	130.4	130.0	120.9
<b>Fatal Crashes</b>								
16 - 17	Drivers	46	48	43	62	33	35	35
	Rate	3.91	4.05	3.52	6.34	3.20	3.22	3.34
18 - 20	Drivers	83	94	67	80	89	101	95
	Rate	3.09	3.28	2.27	3.18	3.48	3.76	3.34
21 - 24	Drivers	95	117	97	100	117	117	137
	Rate	2.40	2.76	2.22	2.37	2.94	2.91	3.30
Over 24	Drivers	768	800	758	789	836	928	903
	Rate	1.61	1.60	1.47	1.58	1.66	1.80	1.69

In 2006, the fatal crash rate per 100,000 licensed drivers ages 16 and 17 was nearly 15 percent lower than the rate in 2000.

The number of licensed drivers ages 16 and 17 decreased by eleven percent from 2000 to 2006.

<b>Georgia Licensed Drivers by Age Group and Year</b>							
Age Group	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
16 - 17	117,730	118,513	122,151	97,725	103,098	108,542	104,678
18 - 20	268,481	286,803	295,606	251,249	255,703	268,771	284,510
21 - 24	395,713	423,433	436,428	422,240	397,287	402,494	415,530
Over 24	4,768,253	5,005,053	5,158,662	4,986,739	5,037,055	5,159,706	5,329,579

Compared to all other age groups, drivers ages 16 and 17 had the highest rate of speed-related crashes. In 2006, the speed-related crash rate per 100,000 licensed drivers ages 16 and 17 was over nine times higher than the rate for drivers over age 24.

<b>Motor Vehicle Crashes - Speed Associated</b>		Number and Rate per 10,000 Licensed Drivers						
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
All Crashes								
16 - 17	Drivers	2307	2444	2537	2413	2200	2158	2058
	Rate	196.0	206.2	207.7	246.9	213.4	198.8	196.6
18 - 20	Drivers	3332	3310	3496	3420	3378	3378	3157
	Rate	124.1	115.4	118.3	136.1	132.1	125.7	111.0
21 - 24	Drivers	2791	2742	3057	2964	3138	3013	2819
	Rate	70.5	64.8	70.0	70.2	79.0	74.9	67.8
Over 24	Drivers	10818	10475	11034	10973	10998	11218	10040
	Rate	22.7	20.9	21.4	22.0	21.8	21.7	18.8

The table below indicates that 149 teen occupants (ages 15 through 19) were fatally injured in 2006. Over half of these teens were unrestrained.

<b>Teen (15 - 19) MV Occupant Fatalities by Restraint Use</b>							
Safety Equipment Used	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Non Used	89	80	91	98	83	90	76
Shoulder Belt	1	5	7	2	2	1	1
Lap Belt	2	2	1	2	2	1	0
Lap and Shoulder Belt	57	58	53	46	45	55	55
Unknown	16	32	20	23	12	18	17
Total	165	177	172	171	144	165	149
% of Fatals known to be Unrestrained	53.9%	45.2%	52.9%	57.3%	57.6%	54.5%	51.0%

In 2006, 177 teen were killed in motor vehicle crashes on Georgia public roads. These fatalities include not only motor vehicle occupants (as in the table above), but also teen pedestrians and bicyclists.

<b>Teens (15 through 19) Involved in Georgia Crashes by Injury Severity and Year</b>							
Injury Category	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Not Injured	86,310	88,029	90,220	88,106	88,972	88,482	85,570
Fatality	181	199	186	192	157	187	177
Serious	816	854	795	782	907	867	848
Visible	5,575	5,472	5,594	5,361	5,500	5,589	5,392
Complaint	11,864	11,915	11,831	11,590	11,696	11,828	11,352
Total	104,746	106,469	108,626	106,031	107,232	106,953	103,339

In 2006, teen drivers were associated with 244 crash fatalities. These fatalities include persons of all ages fatally injured in a crash where a teen was at least one of the drivers.

<b>Teen-Driver (15 through 19) Associated MV Crashes by Injury Severity and Year (all crash occupants)</b>							
<b>Injury Category</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Fatalities	239	283	248	253	248	255	244
Injuries	29,919	29,866	29,735	28,548	29,097	28,805	27,608
Crashes	59,697	60,595	62,528	60,972	61,742	61,418	59,629